

Holy Cross Health plans freestanding emergency department in Deerfield Beach

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The City Commission will consider the proposal from the Fort Lauderdale-based nonprofit health care system on June 18. It concerns the 2.06-acre site at 340 South Federal Highway, which is owned by an affiliate of home improvement chain Lowe's.

The site currently has a 35,348-square-foot retail building previously operated as an Orchard Supply Hardware store but now vacant. Lowe's closed all of its Orchard stores nationwide in 2018.

Holy Cross would convert the building into a 24,376-square-foot health care facility with 94 parking spaces. That would consist of a 13,523-square-foot freestanding ED with 13 treatment rooms and imaging equipment, plus a 10,853-square-foot clinic with 19 exam rooms and a physical therapy center.

Atlanta-based Nelson Worldwide is the architect on the project and Redwood City, California-based DPR Construction is signed on as general contractor.

This would be the first freestanding emergency department for Holy Cross. Many South Florida hospitals have been expanding with freestanding EDs because it allows them to reach more patients away from the main campus. If a patient needs more critical care than the freestanding ED can provide or an overnight stay, they are transferred to the main hospital.

Holy Cross has been actively enhancing its main campus. The hospital recently unveiled the Harry T. Mangurian Jr. Foundation Surgical Suites, which was supported by a \$5 million donation from the namesake foundation to renovate seven operating rooms and supporting facilities.

Holy Cross is part of Michigan-based Trinity Health.
